

AIKCU NEWS

The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges & Universities

UPIKE announces KY College of Optometry, names founding dean

The University of Pikeville recently announced the creation of Kentucky's first school of optometry. Andrew Buzzelli O.D., M.S., has been named as the founding dean. More at UPIKE.edu.

Leading ed tech expert and futurist to keynote AIKCU Technology Conference

Education technologist and futurist **Bryan Alexander** will keynote the **AIKCU Technology Conference at St. Catharine College on June 15**. More info at AIKCU.org.

AIKCU distributes \$118,000 in Toyota and UPS Scholarships

AIKCU recently distributed \$118,000 in scholarships, thanks to the generosity of two long-time supporters of Kentucky private college students: **Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK)** and **UPS**.



15 AIKCU interns gain valuable experience in Frankfort

Fifteen students from six AIKCU member institutions spent the spring semester working and studying in Kentucky's state capital through our Frankfort Semester Internship Program. (Two interns served at the Council on Postsecondary Education.)

Alice Lloyd College had six interns in Frankfort, a record for the most AIKCU interns from a single institution since the program began in 2000. Other interns were from **Campbellsville University**, **Georgetown College** (3), **Lindsey Wilson College** (2), **St. Catharine College**, and **University of the Cumberlands** (2).

More: <http://www.aikcu.org/2014/02/19/15-students-chosen-for-aikcu-internships-in-frankfort/>

AIKCU and its members pledge to help Mid-Continent University students

As this good news was being compiled, we learned the sad news that the board of Mid-Continent University decided on April 15 to cease all operations at Mid-Continent University on June 30, 2014. The move comes because of the Mayfield institution's inability to resolve its ongoing financial issues.

Our utmost concern is for the educational futures of the Mid-Continent students affected by the closure. AIKCU and its members have pledged to assist MCU students and are working to determine the best ways to ensure that these students are able to successfully transfer and complete degrees.



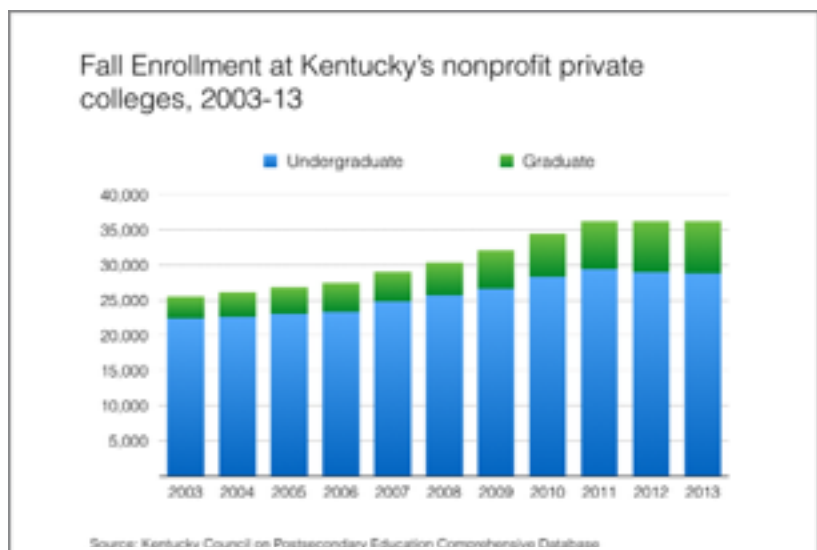
Regional forum on administrative system collaborations to be held at Bellarmine University

A group of private colleges in Kentucky and Indiana, along with seven state private college associations, have come together to organize an exploration of opportunities for collaboration in the area of campus administrative software and services.

The event will be June 5 at Bellarmine University in Louisville. It is hosted by Centre College, Bellarmine University, Georgetown College, DePauw University, Saint Mary's College, Hanover College, and the state associations of independent colleges and universities in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee.

More information: <http://www.collegeadminsystms.org>.

AIKCU fall enrollments hold steady; cap decade of strong growth



Enrollments at Kentucky's 20 nonprofit private colleges and universities held steady during the fall 2013 semester. Statewide, AIKCU members enrolled 36,195 total students: 28,855 undergraduates and 7,340 graduate students.

While overall enrollments were essentially flat for the second year in a row, AIKCU members have seen a 41.8% increase in enrollment since 2003. During that 10-year period graduate enrollments have increased by 132.5%.